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SUBJECT: POLISH MEDIA ANNOUNCE GIEREK VISIT TO U.S.

1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GIEREK'S VISIT APPEARED AS THE FIRST ITEM ON THE PRIME-TIME NEWS TELECAST AUGUST 28, AND A BRIEF PAP REPORT WAS FRONT-PAGED IN THE CENTRAL PRESS THE NEXT DAY. THE PAP ITEM ESSENTIALLY FOLLOWED THE AUGUST 28 WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING STATEMENT BUT WITHOUT MENTIONING THAT THE VISIT WILL BE A "FIRST" OR THAT IT IS IN RETURN FOR NIXON'S 1972 VISIT HERE.

2. THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ALSO GOT PROMINENT COVERAGE IN THE CENTRAL PRESS ON AUGUST 29. TRYBUNA LUDU FRONT-PAGED ITS STORY BASED ON A PAP REPORT, HIGHLIGHTING FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS, ESPECIALLY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SECRETARY WILL VISIT MOSCOW IN OCTOBER AND SUGGESTIONS OF A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN POLICY TOWARD CUBA.

THE REPORT FURTHER NOTES THAT THE PRESIDENT "DID NOT
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SPECIFY" HIS POSITION ON CYPRUS OR THE MIDDLE EAST. IT

ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THE BULD OF HIS STATEMENTS RELATED TO DOMESTIC MATTERS, MAINLY INFLATION, AND A ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL ON AUGUST 29 OBSERVES THAT DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ARE REPLACING FOREIGN POLICY AS THE TOP PRIORITY CONCERN OF WASHINGTON AND OTHER WESTERN CAPITALS.

3. THE MEDIA CONTINUE TO FOLLOW U.S. DEVELOPMENTS WITH INTENSE INTEREST. COMMENTARY ON THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST ACTIONS AND PROFILES OF THE FIRST FAMILY AND VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE HAVE BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE.
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